



Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

Did you know...?

Interurban Railroad Misses Tremont

Today, what is known as the 'Mackinaw Depot' in Mackinaw, Illinois is a unique gift shop and cozy tearoom. But it was once a busy interurban rail station, part of the Illinois Terminal Railroad, built in 1909-1910. Just a few miles away, Tremont dreamed of being a part of the Interurban system as well, but plans ultimately fell through.

According to mchistory.org, "In the early 1900s, interurban transportation was all the rage...Powered by electric lines strung overhead, 'traction' cars, as they were also called, were quieter than their steam counterparts, as well as soot and ash-free." There were thousands of lines all across the country.

The article also states, "The Bloomington-to-Peoria interurban line was one of the more charming railroad jaunts in all of Central Illinois. In the first half of the 20th century, handsome electric-propelled cars trundled over the Mackinaw River and through a landscape dotted with ridges, creek valleys and woodlands."

The (Bloomington) Pantagraph of Saturday, August 1, 1914 printed an article about Tremont's hopes to be a part of the system: "There are men and women in Tremont today who have hopes of the interurban becoming extended someday from Mackinaw to Pekin. Tremont would be struck by the electric line and so far as can be ascertained, there would be very little opposition to such an extension."

Morton was the closest point to Tremont, so extending the line would have been a distinct possibility. Civil engineers surveyed the Tremont area, and rights-of-way were obtained. The system would have been a boon to small farm towns with poor or no railroad service.

Why Tremont's hopes to be part of the interurban system were dashed could be due to a number of factors. One surely would have been America's growing fascination with the car. The 'hard roads' and the automobile soon brought a decline to interurban travel. During World War II and oil rationing, ridership increased, but after the war, people went back to the independence of driving their cars. Most interurban lines were abandoned.

TREMONT HOPES FOR INTERURBAN SOME DAY
FROM MACKINAW TO PEKIN.

Town Now Has Good Water Works and Electric Lights—Farmer Oils Road—Other News.

—Tremont is a town missed by the interurban about six or seven miles. Morton is the closest point on the line of the Illinois Traction System. There are men and women in Tremont today who have hopes of the interurban being extended some day from Mackinaw to Pekin. Tremont would be struck by the electric line and so far as can be ascertained, there would be very little opposition to such an extension.

Some time ago civil engineers in the employ of the McKinley lines, surveyed thru Tremont, and the right of way was secured with little trouble. A line from Mackinaw to Pekin, running thru a rich farming community and giving towns with poor railroad service, good accommodations, would be well received by all near Tremont.

If the line is built as many confidently hope, it will be unnecessary for the city officials of Tremont to go to Morton for electric current as they do today. Electric lights many be run day and night in Tremont, but the transmission lines are strung for nearly seven miles to reach the interurban lines. Many advantages will be named if the interurban were put thru and the majority of Tremont people look forward to such an improvement with keen anticipation.

A Good Water System.
 —Tremont is now enjoying a good water works system, the present plant having been installed about two years ago. Previous to that time, for a period of two years, there was no water system in operation, the old plant, in service for years, having been worn out. This old system was owned by a company of Tremont men and conducted for years by them. But the water mains were too small, there was not sufficient pressure and the well was on the verge of failure. Finally the works stopped and there was scarcity of water in Tremont for two years. After due consideration...



Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, February 3, 2022. All children ages 0-5 living in District #702 are eligible.

This is not a Turk Center or Kindergarten Screening. The purpose is to screen developmental levels in motor skills, general knowledge, social skills, and speech/language skills in order to assess the need for special education services. Further evaluation may be recommended.

If you have concerns in the areas listed or would like reassurance that your child is progressing well, you can call and make an appointment. Contact Lisa Miller at 309-925-3461 Ext. 1016.



Tremont District Library

Tremont District Library is hiring:
 Cataloging Library Assistant (Part-time)
 Visit [our website](#) for more information.

Story Hour

Thursday, January 27th, 10:30am

Ages 3-6

Story Hour is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:30-11:15am. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. Wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Chapter One: Monthly Read-Alouds

Tuesday January 25th, 3:30pm

Ages 8-12, no registration required.

Each month at our Chapter One meeting, participants can enjoy quiet activities while listening to the first few chapters of a new book. If you like what you hear and want to finish the story yourself, extra copies will be available to check out! You aren't required to be at every meeting, just attend what months sound good to you!

Upcoming reads:

- January 25th – Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
- February 22nd – Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
- March 22nd – Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Baby & Me

Wednesday mornings, 10:30am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Minecraft Day

Saturday, January 29, 10:00-12:30pm

Kids ages 7+ are invited to bring your own device and connect to our library Realm*. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining. Come and join the fun!! *Devices that work include PC's, Apple Devices, Nintendo Switch (Nintendo Online Subscription REQUIRED), and a few other handheld devices. Ask Miss Lizzi ahead of time for help if you're unsure of your device. Our server can host up to 10 players. If there are more participants, we will switch on and off who is on the server.

2022 Little Dribblers Basketball Program

Little Dribblers is our recreation basketball program for boys and girls between the ages of Kindergarten – 3rd Grade. The program focuses on the basic skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, and scrimmaging at the end of the season.

Registration is now open online and at the Park District Office.

Dates: February 12 – March 12 (Saturdays)

Where: South Gym at the Tremont High School

When (boys and girls together):

- Kindergarten - 1st grade 12:30-1:20PM
- 2nd – 3rd grade 1:30 -2:30PM

Cost: \$45.00 Participation Fee (includes participation shirt)

Program instructors: Noelle Marron and Drew Gierich

Please Register Soon to assure enough time to order and receive the participation shirts.

[Click Here](#) to register online.

Monday

GB home vs Ridgeview - 5:30PM

MS Wrestling JV Meet home - 5:30PM

Possible 7th Grade BB Regional at Buffalo

Tuesday

MS VB at Washington Central - 4:15PM

BB home vs Fieldcrest - 5:30PM

Wednesday

Boys Swimming at Richwoods - 4:30PM

Possible 7th Grade BB Regional at Buffalo

Thursday

MS VB at Rankin - 4:00PM

HS Scholastic Bowl home - 4:30PM

GB home vs Fieldcrest - 5:30PM

Friday

BB home vs Flanagan - 5:30PM

Saturday

WR HOIC at LeRoy - 9:00AM

MS WR at Porta - 9:00AM

MS VB (8th) at Mackinaw - 9:00AM

Boys Swimming at Pekin - 10:00AM

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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